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## USSR SUPPLIES CHINA WITH ATOM BOMBS

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According to an article in a neutral Hong Kong newspaper, that newspaper's London correspondent sent the following dispatch on 5 June:

"The USSR is sending weapons of the best quality to Communist China. It has sent at least three atom bombs. When this information first came from Hong Kong, it was taken lightly because of the questionable reliability of information emanating from there.

"An authoritative source here [London] has disclosed that the following information was compiled after investigations and after receiving reports from Berlin, New Delhi, Trieste, Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Macao:

"'Since the beginning of the year, there has been a daily increase in the shipment of munitions from the USSR to China. The transportation route is mainly via the Siberian Railroad to the Hortheast. A compilation of reports show that airplanes shipped to the Northeast so far number at least 750 and are I1-28 (Il'yushin-28) twin-jet bombers with a speed of 650 miles. Six hundred of these bombers are located in the South China area between Swatow and Lienchiang Hsien, their eventual use obviously being the attack on Taiwan.

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"There were at least three atom bombs included in the shipment of weapons. These were reported to have been stored at Chia-mu-ssu. Twelve strategic turbo-jet bombers were shipped at the same time and have been stationed at Chia-mu-ssu. The personnel of these planes at present is Soviet, but the Chinese Communists are training their air force personnel to fly this type of plane. It is predicted that there will be a continual shipment of these pombers."

"The source of this information cannot be revealed, not even the person's official duties, nationality, or sex."

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